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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David Buttner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11 and 12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5,7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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Claims 11 and 12 are considered withdrawn as they are directed to laser welding.

Claims 1,4,5 and 7-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP2000007902.

The reference exemplifies (#7,11) blends of 100 parts of 12% isophthalate modified polybutyleneterephthalate, 20 parts styrene resin, 10 parts polycarbonate and 40 parts glass fiber. Additionally, comparison #7 shows 100 parts of 12% isophthalate modified polybutyleneterephthalate, 10 parts polycarbonate and 40 parts glass fiber. Inherently, the composition must have the properties of applicant's claims because it is the preferred composition used by applicant.

Claims 1,4,5,9 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP05032800.

The reference is believed to exemplify (#1,#4) blends of 80% copolyester and 20% polycarbonate. The copolyester is made of butanediol and terephthalic/isophthalic acid in a 80-87.5/20-12.5. Additionally, example 5 is a blend of 80% of a ethoxylated bisphenol A modified PBT and 20% polycarbonate. Inherently, the compositions must have the properties of applicant's claims because it is the preferred composition used by applicant.

Claims 1,4,5 and 7-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Uno 2002/0188073.

Uno's comparison example 8 is a blend of 35% polybutyleneterephthalate/isophthalate copolymer, 35% polycarbonate and 30% glass

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fibers (table 2). The polyester has a terephalic/isophthalic ratio of 85/15 (paragraph 59). Inherently, the composition must have the properties of applicant's claims because it is the preferred composition used by applicant.

Claims 1,4,5 and 7-10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over JP11049937.

Example 5 is a blend of 100 parts of 12% isophthalic acid modified polybutyleneterephthalate, 30 parts polycarbonate, 10 parts glass fiber and 0.3 parts phosphite. Inherently, the composition must have the properties of applicant's claims because it is the preferred composition used by applicant.

Applicant's arguments filed 1/9/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that JP2000007902 requires the presence of a styrenic resin.

It is not clear how this distinguishes the reference from the present claims. Applicant did not point out a specific claim limitation the reference is unable to meet. The presence of styrene resin is not expected to harm light transmittance because applicant's own examples include styrene resin. Furthermore, applicant does not comment on comparison #7 which does not include styrene resin. Presumably, applicant can read and understand the reference.

Applicant argues the colorant present in JP09291204 would make the reference unable to meet to meet the light transmittance requirement.

The examiner takes no position as to this argument because applicant has not provided any evidence in regards to the light transmittance of the reference. However,

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the examiner chooses to replace the rejection with references that do not have any colorant to overcome any such argument.

These references are also superior to WO 01/00409.

This application contains claims 11 and 12 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in response of 10/10/06. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Buttner whose telephone number is 571-272-1084. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 10 to 5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on 571-272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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